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Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert
Secretary of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Gene:

I have already expressed my appreciation to the Secretary of Defense for the splendid support rendered in connection with the Powers-Pryor-Abel exchange and particularly the valuable service rendered by the Air Force in the transportation of the personnel concerned. I wish to add to this my appreciation for the valuable contribution made by Lt. General W. H. Blanchard and the technical group which studied the material pertaining to Powers' descent into Russia and gave me a technical report analyzing the various aspects thereof. This report was of great assistance in the resolution of this case, and I wish to commend those who participated for their rapid and efficient work and to thank you for affording their expertise to me.

Sincerely,

[(Signed)] JOHN A. MCCONE

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